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My Dear Mrs Chapman,

I have just received your very kind and encouraging letter, I feel like working much harder and with new zeal. You were quite right in your criticism and so as I leave the group all modeled I will send you a  
another photograph - I shall work



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until this group is given  
to Mr Garrison - who has done  
so much for the race, if  
every black man in the United  
States would give a penny each  
I could very soon be able to do  
my part. I will not take  
any thing for my labor. Mr  
Garrison has given his whole life  
for my father's people - and I think  
that I ought give him a few months  
work. The cost of the group and  
pedestal will be just one thousand  
dollars - I will give two hundred



dollars which was given me in Boston  
before I left home by Mr Bowditch  
and Mr Loring - now if I can only  
have sent me five hundred  
with in the next two months  
(March, and Apr) I will be able  
to get the work so far advanced  
as to be able to send it to Boston  
in time to be presented to our  
much valued friend - on the first day  
of January 1868 -

Hoping that you will receive  
this very bad letter.

I am

My dear Mr Chapman

Yours most humble servant

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